

Year 4

AUTUMN 2

Kingfishers and Macaws News

Welcome Back! This term we will be...

Last term was fantastic. Your children come in ready to learn and their energy and enthusiasm is wonderful to see.

Our topic continues to be Race to the Frozen North but this term we are focusing on geography and mapping. We will be making maps of the world and charting the routes of well known explorers as well as learning about lines of latitude and longitude, time zones and why not everyone experiences different seasons.

As always, we are available should you have any queries or concerns. Please remember that chats at the classroom door, are for daily quick issues, should you need anything longer, please make an appointment at the office.

Miss Lovell and Mr Luxon

Owl Learning Values

Challenge
Collaboration
Independence
Managing Distractions
Optimism
Pride
Perseverance



Rainbow Values

Forgiveness
Patience
Support
Kindness & Joy
Love
Honesty
Respect
Peace



Reminders

A reminder that children should be reading to an adult at home at least fives times a week. This can be any book, not just a school reading book, but it's important that even those who are 'free readers' are listened to and corrected or questioned.

A reminder also that times tables are an important part of the Year 4 curriculum and your child should login to Times Tables Rockstars (www.ttrockstars.com) to practise as part of their weekly homework.

Throughout the year, all children in Year 4 will be expected to have the following items in school every day.

· TRAINERS
· WATER BOTTLE (clearly named)
· READING BOOK

It is expected that all children in Year 4 read at home at least 5 times a week .



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	Numeracy	Literacy
Week 1	Column addition with exchange, adding 1's, 10's and 100's	Character unit focused on exciting verbs and show don't tell.
Week 2	Column addition with exchange, adding 1's, 10's and 100's	Character unit focused on exciting verbs and show don't tell.
Week 3	Column addition with exchange, adding 1's, 10's and 100's	Character unit focused on exciting verbs and show don't tell.
Week 4	Column subtraction with exchange	Winter Haikus
Week 5	Test Week	Test week
Week 6	Area	Winter Haikus
Week 7	Multiplication	Christmas short burst writing

Curriculum
In R.E. we are considering how Christians show their commitment to God. Science this term is Electricity and we will be learning about circuits and working scientifically. Geography is looking at naming continents, oceans, the Equator and the Tropics as well as naming European countries and their capital cities. In computing we are thinking about how to stay safe online.



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5 Top Tips to Support Your Child This Half-Term

1. Times Table Practice— To support your child, work together to pinpoint any times tables they need a bit more support with (Heatmaps and TTRS in general will evidence this). Other ways to help include—Hit the Button, Paint the Squares and TimesTables.co.uk are all fantastic choices to practice on!

2. Reading—Frequently and short sharp bursts. Three times a week at around 15 minutes. They do not need to finish the book every time. Just make a note on their book mark to indicate when reading occurred and who to, like in the KS1 Reading Records.

3. Questioning—Both in reading and in general day to day occurrences to build on their reasoning and inference. E.g. How do you think that made the character feel? Why are there leaves on the ground? Which way looks best? Why has the character acted this way?

4. Handwriting/Spelling Opportunities— Any opportunities to write, big or small are helpful; shopping lists, jobs to do, birthday cards, letters, diaries etc. All of these will support stamina for handwriting as well as chances to spot and correct spelling.

5. Please take opportunities to discuss appropriate current events with your children. Watching Newsround is always great to start these discussions.